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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS**To the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) An acidic food or drink that
has a pH value of 2-6, and
contains acid-soluble soybean protein obtained with one or more of treatments (A),
(B) and (C), and one or more water-soluble minerals selected from the group consisting
of salts, hydroxides hydroxide and oxides oxide of calcium-alkaline earth metals and salts,
hydroxides and oxides of transition metals and entirely added after the acid-soluble
soybean protein is obtained, wherein the treatment (A) comprises removing polyanionic
materials coming from raw protein in a solution containing soybean protein, the treatment
(B) comprises adding a polycationic material into a solution containing soybean protein,
the treatment (C) comprises heating a solution containing soybean protein at a
temperature above 100°C in an acidic zone below an isoelectric point of the soybean
protein, and an amount of calcium coming from the one or more water-soluble minerals
added is 100-250 mg per 100 g of the acidic food or drink.

Claims 2-3: (canceled).

4. (previously presented) The acidic food or drink as claimed in claim 1, wherein an aqueous solution of the acid-soluble soybean protein is acidic.

Claim 5: (canceled).

6. (previously presented) The acidic food or drink as claimed in claim 1, which is produced without addition of a stabilizer, or a homogenizing treatment.

7. (new) The acidic food or drink as claimed in claim 1, wherein the acidic food is an acidic thick fluid food.